

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A policy server assigns an identifier to each of a plurality of policy rules in each of which condition and action are described and transmits these policy rules to a network node. When transmitting new policy rules to the network node as additional ones, the server detects policy rules that depend on a newly entered policy rule or on which a newly entered policy rule depends. As for the policy rules that depend on a new policy rule or on any of which a new policy rule depends, if the policy rule has not been transmitted to the network node, the identifier thereof and the condition and action described therein are transmitted to the network node; if the policy rule has been transmitted to said network node, the identifier thereof is transmitted to the network node, but the condition and action described therein are not transmitted.